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All Saints Catholic School opens



Students enter All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere for the first day of classes in the new school's history. Father Charles Dillingham (left center), pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption in Hockessin, one of four parishes that sponsor the school, greets the first All Saints students on their way to their classrooms. See story on page 7.

Close one

Diocese gets drenched, not too damaged by hurricane

By Gary Morton
and Mike Lang
Dialog reporters

It could have been worse. Hurricane Irene, on track last week to cut straight through Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, took a turn for the better by Saturday and sideswiped the diocese leaving wind and water damage in its wake.

By Monday, employees and volunteers at Catholic churches and schools removed debris and water from properties after the storm. While Catholic schools in New Castle County and other areas were closed Monday, all schools were in session by Tuesday, except for St. John the Beloved School in Wilmington, which still had no power.

No serious structural damage was reported, but St. Helena Parish's food closet lost 75 percent of its food due to water damage. Dorothy Medeiros, director of social ministry at the Wilmington parish, said Tuesday that donations of food or money would be welcomed due to the need. At least two schools — St. Peter the Apostle elementary in New Castle, St. Thomas More Preparatory School in Magnolia — and one church, St. Francis de Sales Church in Salisbury, Md., had water in buildings.

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Correction

The name of John F. Heckel was misspelled in the Aug. 18th edition of The Dialog on the list of Oblates with admitted or substantiated accusations of abuse against them. It had been misspelled on the list provided to the paper.

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Bishop Malooly's schedule



SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

- Installation of Father Steven Hurley as pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle, Wilmington, 11 a.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

- Installation of Archbishop Charles Chaput as archbishop of Philadelphia.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

- Mass of Remembrance, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Dagsboro, 10 a.m.
- Confirmation, St. Edmond's, Rehoboth Beach, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

- Mass marking 9-11 anniversary, St. Hedwig, Wilmington, 9 a.m.
- Mass marking 9-11 anniversary, Cathedral of St. Peter, Wilmington, 11 a.m.
- Vespers marking 9-11 anniversary, Holy Angels, Newark, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

- Priests' Council, St. Joseph on the Brandywine, 12:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

- Rededication Mass of Mount St. Mary Chapel at Mount St. Mary Seminary/University, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

- Diocesan School Board, 7:30 a.m.
- Diocesan Finance Council, 12:30 p.m.
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'You never forget'

Holy Rosary parishioner lost her son on 9/11

By Mike Lang
Staff reporter

CLAYMONT — Ten years after Robert Fangman died in the terrorist attacks in New York City, his mother, Ruth, said accepting his loss "never gets easier."

Ruth Fangman, a parishioner at Holy Rosary in Claymont, plans to travel to her native Baltimore, where the Maryland 9/11 memorial will be dedicated on the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Robert Fangman's name will be etched in stone at the site in front of Baltimore's World Trade Center.

Ruth Fangman recalled this week that horrific Tuesday when she learned of the death of the youngest of her seven children, called "Bobby" by family and childhood friends. He was 33.

"He had been in Texas visiting his brother. He had called me that Saturday and said, 'I'm on my way home (to Boston) tomorrow, and I'll stop in Delaware and see you,'" she said.

Later that day, Bobby, a graduate of Holy Rosary School who was a flight attendant for United Airlines, said his plans had changed and he wouldn't be visiting Claymont.

On Sept. 11, Ruth Fangman was taking a neighbor to the Philadelphia International Airport when they heard on the radio that a plane had hit one of the World Trade Center buildings in New York. Soon she learned that a second plane, from United, her son's airline, had flown into the other tower. She knew Bobby was going to Los Angeles, which was Flight 175's destination, and tried to reach him on his cell phone. She then called his roommates in Boston and was certain he was on the plane.

Around 2 p.m., representatives from United arrived at her home to confirm her worst fears.

Fangman, a widow, credits her friends and fellow parishioners at Holy Rosary Church for helping her after the attacks. "Without the support of my friends and my parish family, I don't think I could have made it."

Holy Rosary will hold its annual memorial service the afternoon of Sept. 11, and Bobby's picture and other memorabilia will be on the altar.

"To lose a child, you never forget, and to lose one in this horrific way, it brings it back every year," Fangman said. "The hole in my heart will never be filled. I miss him every day."

Liturgies set for 10th anniversary of 9/11

Masses, services to be held in remembrance of the victims of 2001 terrorist attacks

By Joseph Ryan
Dialog editor

While the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks will be remembered in prayers and liturgies throughout the diocese, Bishop Malooly will participate in four events honoring those who lost their lives at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington and in Shanksville, Pa., a decade ago.

On Sept. 10 the bishop will celebrate a Mass of remembrance at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Dagsboro. He will also celebrate Mass Sept. 11 at 9 a.m. at St. Hedwig Church in Wilmington and at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Peter. That night he will also participate in a vespers service (evening prayer) at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Church in Newark.

During the Sept. 11 liturgies, the bishop will be wearing a chasuble with an iconic image of Our Mother of Sorrows that incorporates the World Trade Center attack with depictions of two jets that symbolize the victims at the Pentagon and on Flight 93 that crashed in Pennsylvania.

The chasuble image is an embroidered patch sewn on the vestment. It's one of two patches, based on an icon by Lewis Williams, that were commissioned for white chasubles by Father Richard Smith, pastor of St. Luke Church in Ocean City, Md. Father Smith, a former fire-



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Bishop Malooly will be wearing a chasuble depicting Our Mother of Sorrows during liturgies in remembrance of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

fighter, will be wearing a matching chasuble on the 9/11 anniversary. The bishop's is a gift from Father Smith, who spent most of his life before the priesthood as a career firefighter,

retiring as chief of the fire department at Mercer County Airport, near Trenton, N.J.

Father Smith, who was ordained in 2000, was serving at St. John the Beloved Parish

when he heard the news of the 9/11 attacks. Like many people, he turned on the television. "We were sitting in the kitchen staring at it when the second plane flew into the second tower."

The pastor said hearing and reading the accounts of the firefighters and rescue teams at the World Trade Center "has been very special to me."

The vespers service at Holy Angels Church on 9/11 will echo a similar event at the parish on the first anniversary of 9/11.

Stephen Adams, director of liturgy at St. John the Apostle-Holy Angels Parish, said the 10th anniversary vespers will begin with a short ceremony of light that remembers all the fallen victims of the attacks and then continue as a normal vespers service, the evening prayers of the church from the Liturgy of the Hours. There will be Scripture readings, a sung psalm, reflection and Bishop Malooly will give a homily, Adams said.

As part of the 9/11 vespers at Holy Angels, Adams said, the names of the nearly 3,000 victims of the terrorists will be featured in a memorial display by Patti Walters, the parish's environment coordinator.

During the service of light, individual names of 9/11 victims, that will be included in a printed booklet for participants, will be spoken "out loud together as a chorus of the names of people who have been tragically taken from us," Adams said.



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Days before hurricane, unusual earthquake damaged St. Thomas

By Mike Lang
Staff reporter

The steeple at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Wilmington that was damaged when a rare earthquake shook Delaware Aug. 23 should be covered by insurance, the pastor, Father Steven Hurley, said last week.

"We'll see what they say, but we're certainly anticipating no problems," he said.

Father Hurley, also the diocesan chancellor, was in his office at the chancery a few miles from his parish when the earthquake hit, sending pieces of concrete from one of the steeples crashing to the sidewalk in front of the church on Bancroft Parkway. He said he felt the tremors in his diocesan office.

"Then my secretary called and said, 'You might want to come over,'" he said.

By the time he returned to St. Thomas, Father Leonard Kemp-ski, a retired priest who lives at the parish, had already blocked off the church steps. In addition to the damage to the steeple, a few of the memorial bricks in front of the church "were pulverized," and dust and chipped plaster needed to be cleaned up inside, Father Hurley said.

The damaged finial at a corner of the steeple was stabilized by Friday, before Hurricane Irene moved through the area over the weekend. Father Hurley said the



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Memorial bricks in front of St. Thomas the Apostle Church were pulverized by falling debris from the steeple.



The Aug. 23 earthquake damaged this finial atop the church's steeple.

steeple will be repaired.

Father Hurley celebrated daily Mass Wednesday morning in the rectory living room, and a funeral scheduled for later that day was moved to St. Elizabeth Church. The pastor said Mass was celebrated in the church on the weekend but the front doors remained blocked off for safety.

Father Hurley said he was not aware of any other churches damaged by the earthquake. Catholic Charities and the diocesan schools office reported no damage to any of their facilities.

The 5.8 magnitude earthquake was centered in southern Virginia.

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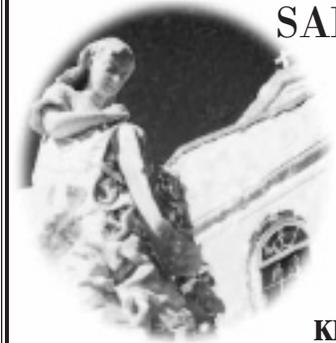
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Pope tells youth to build close relationship with Christ

By Cindy Wooden
Catholic News Service

MADRID — Pope Benedict XVI saw that 1.4 million young people could be buffeted by gusty winds and drenched by a driving rain and still fall silently to their knees to adore the Eucharist.

At the Mass closing World Youth Day Aug. 21 in Madrid, the pope challenged the Catholic pilgrims to take that faith, make it grow and share it with the world.

Despite the hardships of getting to the Cuatro Vientos military air base in blistering heat Aug. 20 and the downpour during the nighttime vigil with the pope, hundreds of thousands of young people from around the world spent the night on the open field, praying, singing and perhaps trying to snatch a few hours' sleep.

But they were up, ready and rowdy when the pope arrived for the morning Mass.

The pope noticed.

In his homily, he said, the vision of that sea of happy souls "fills my heart with joy."

"I think of the special love with which Jesus is looking upon you. Yes, the Lord loves you and calls you his friends," the pope told the young.

To the joy of the crowd, particularly the Brazilians present, at the end of the Mass, the pope announced that the next international gathering of World Youth Day would be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2013.

In his homily at the Mass, Pope Benedict said faith is not about understanding a bunch of facts, "it is an ability to grasp the mystery of Christ's person in all its depth."

Even if it feels like a struggle at times, faith is not primarily about people working out their thoughts about God; it starts with the gift of God's love and God's reaching out to each person, he said.

Faith entails "a personal relationship with Christ, a surrender of our whole person, with all our understanding, will and feelings," he said.

But the pope went even further, telling the young that a personal relationship with Jesus always must be transformed into action, service and love for others. In addition, it must be lived within the church, the community of believers to whom Jesus entrusted his message and his mission of salvation.

"We cannot follow Jesus on our own," he said. Those who try "approach the life of faith with the kind of individualism so prevalent today" and risk not encountering the real Jesus or "following a counterfeit Jesus," he said.

Christ asks each person, "Who do you say that I am?" the pope said.

"Respond to him with generosity and courage, as befits young



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Pope Benedict XVI greets young people as he arrives for the World Youth Day vigil service at Cuatro Vientos airfield in Madrid Aug. 20

hearts like your own," he told the young.

"Let me urge you to strengthen this life of faith which has been handed down from the time of the apostles," he said. "Make Christ, the Son of God, the center of your life."

Pope Benedict told the young people, who had been texting, tweeting and posting Facebook updates about their adventures, that whenever we really "like" anything, we share it, and that must hold true for faith as well.

"You, too, have been given the

extraordinary task of being disciples and missionaries of Christ in other lands and countries filled with young people who are looking for something greater," the pope said.

Share the faith, he said, and help them see they are right when "their heart tells them that more authentic values do exist" and they resist being "seduced by the empty promises of a lifestyle which has no room for God."

Even before Mass began, officials of World Youth Day broadcast another challenging message

to the crowd, telling them that most pilgrims would not be able to receive Communion during Mass and asking them to offer it up as a sacrifice for the pope.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said the plan was to distribute Communion from 17 eucharistic chapels set up on the perimeter of the airfield. The storm Aug. 20 destroyed several of the chapel-tents, and

sacrament of reconciliation frequently, help those who suffer, and take time to discern their vocation?

The pope told the young people, who had been texting and posting Facebook updates ... that whenever we really "like" anything, we share it, and that must hold true for faith as well.

"I think if you asked them now, many of them would say yes, they will try," he said. "It is my profound hope that the experiences of the past two weeks will stay with them, and that the experience of God's presence and of the church which they have felt here will be the

police asked organizers to dismantle most of the others because they posed a danger in the wind.

Canadian Bishop Donald Bolen of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, joined about 80 pilgrims from four groups in his diocese.

He said the pilgrims found the whole experience "enjoyable and meaningful, and in some instances, transformative. Will they pray daily, celebrate the

seedbed for a deepening commitment to Christian discipleship. But as with all of us, time will tell.

"Many of the youth have already shown signs of serious commitment to a life of Christian discipleship; others are certainly searching. There is no doubt, however, that the experience of World Youth Day is a gift for both those already committed and those still searching," he said.

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Baltimore archbishop named to Vatican job

By Christopher Guntz
Catholic News Service

BALTIMORE — Pope Benedict XVI appointed Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of Baltimore as pro-grand master of the Equestrian Order (Knights) of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, based in Rome.

The appointment was announced in Rome and in Washington Aug. 29.

The order is a chivalric organization dedicated to promoting and defending Christianity in the Holy Land, supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and responding to the needs of Catholics in the region.

He succeeds U.S. Cardinal John P. Foley, who resigned and retired in February as head of the international order for health reasons. Cardinal Foley returned to Philadelphia to live permanently earlier this year after having served in Vatican posts since 1984.

It is not known when Archbishop O'Brien will take up his new post in Rome. Though he ceases to be archbishop of Baltimore effective with the appointment, the pope named him as apostolic administrator of the archdiocese until his successor is named.

"It has been a singular privilege to serve as archbishop of Baltimore," Archbishop O'Brien said. "It is with a heavy heart that I will be departing. ... I pray that I will carry out the will of God and that of (the pope) in preserving the faith in the Holy Land."

In a statement released Aug. 29, Cardinal Foley said, "I could not be happier that he is my successor," citing the archbishop's experience and dedication.

Archbishop O'Brien, 72, was appointed July 12, 2007, by Pope Benedict as the 15th archbishop of Baltimore to succeed Cardinal William H. Keeler.

For the 10 years prior to his Baltimore appointment, he was archbishop of the U.S. Archdiocese for

the Military Services, which serves 1.5 million Catholics, including all U.S. armed forces and their families.

The Order of the Holy Sepulcher plays an important role in the preservation of the Holy Land and the practice of Christianity there. Though it counts its beginnings to the 12th century, it was reorganized and revitalized in the 1960s by Popes John XIII and Paul VI. Blessed Pope John Paul II enhanced the status of the order again, making it a public association of the faithful, according to the website of the order.



Archbishop
O'Brien

Edwin Frederick O'Brien was born April 8, 1939 in the Bronx, N.Y., son of Edwin Frederick O'Brien Sr. and Mary Winifred O'Brien. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N.Y., where he received his bachelor of arts degree, a master of divinity and a master of arts. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of New York on May 29, 1965, by Cardinal Francis Spellman.

His first assignment was as a civilian chaplain at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. In 1970, he became an army chaplain. From 1971 to 1972, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam.

In 1973, he left the military and earned a doctorate in sacred theology from Rome's Angelicum University. Father O'Brien was a graduate student at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he would later return as rector, 1990-1994.

He was director of communications for the New York archdiocese in the early 1980s. He served two stints as rector of the seminary at Dunwoodie, 1985-89 and 1994-97.

In 1996, he was named an auxiliary bishop for New York. In April 1997, he was named coadjutor archbishop for the military archdiocese, succeeding as archbishop in August of that year.



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Opening All Saints Catholic School

Four parishes sponsoring new school in Elsmere

By Gary Morton
Staff reporter

ELSMERE — Kindergartners led a parade of students into All Saints Catholic School Tuesday as some of the parents, gathered for their children's first day of classes at the new school, sang "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Inside, the students from kindergarten through seventh grade lined the school's hallway to greet the 84 eighth-graders who will become All Saints' first graduating class next spring.

Moments earlier, at 8 a.m., principal Diana Thompson cut a ribbon stretched across a sidewalk leading from the school entrance to the parking lot, where students and their parents had gathered for a prayer service. Father Timothy Nolan, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish on whose grounds All Saints is situated, urged the students in his blessing to look upon the saints as role models.

The new school was formed from the merger of Corpus Christi, St. Catherine of Siena and St. Matthew's schools. Four parishes — St. Catherine, St. Matthew, Corpus Christi, and St. Mary of the Assumption, which had co-sponsored Corpus Christi School — sponsor All Saints, which has 490 students.

Father John Hynes, pastor of St. Catherine, and Father Charles



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Dan Simpson of Tupp Sign Company installs the new sign on the front of the building at All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere.

Dillingham, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, joined Father Nolan at the opening ceremony.

All Saints is billed as a STEM school, STEM being an acronym formed by the subjects science,

technology, engineering and math. STEM "is not a curriculum," Thompson said. "It's an approach to education" that "involves a lot of critical-thinking skills and problem-solving for

real-life situations."

Parents seemed as excited as their children over the possibilities for All Saints.

"We are most excited for our children to experience a STEM

program within a faith setting," said Renee Pala, who served on a 12-member Parent Transitional Advisory Group. "To my knowledge, this is a first in the diocese."

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Some students can't go back to school without tuition help

By Gary Morton
Staff reporter

Jean Wieand was so impressed with the Catholic school education her grandchildren received at St. Peter the Apostle School that she made a request of their father.

"Before she passed away, my mom was pretty insistent on my kids going to Catholic schools," said Charles Wieand.



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It hasn't been easy. Wieand said. He was out of work for six months. "It's hard

being single with two kids," he said, so he asked for and was granted tuition assistance provided in part by the diocese's annual Share in the Spirit collection.

"It allows me to continue to pay my bills and still have a nice school for my kids to go to that has structure," Wieand said. His children are sixth-grader Alizabeth and fifth-grader Blaine.

Money raised through the collection and interest from the diocese's Vision for the Future education trust will provide \$579,000 in tuition assistance during the

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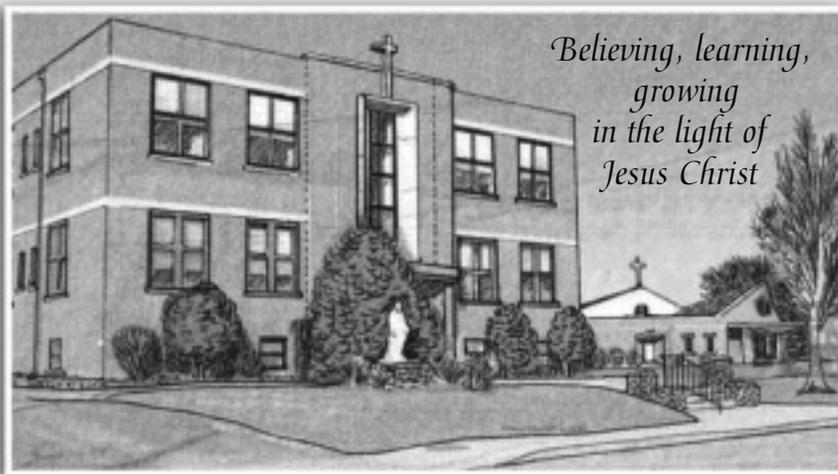
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New courses, logos, laptops, teachers at Catholic highs

Students are discovering the following new aspects to their days at Catholic high schools in the diocese this year.

St. Mark's High School in Wilmington is moving its newspaper entirely online. The subject matter will not change, but the student staff plans to add videos and slideshows.

The Spartans also feature a revamped sports logo for 2011-12. The new look was designed by Rick Brozek, a 1978 alumnus.

For the first time, **St. Thomas More Preparatory School** in Magnolia will have a teacher who once sat in the classrooms. Sara Spencer Passon, who graduated in 2001, has joined the faculty, the first grad to come back as a teacher.

Father James Lentini, St. Thomas More's interim principal, has known Passon since her days as a student at Holy Cross School in Dover. "You can understand why hiring her marks a very special moment for the Catholic community of Kent County."

Passon, who will teach social sciences, also taught at Holy Cross, and she worked at St. Andrew's School in Middletown.

Students at **Archmere Academy** in Claymont have received a laptop this year as the educational landscape continues to change. MacBook Pro computers were distributed Aug. 25 and 26; they will be used in classrooms and at home as the faculty is restructuring the curriculum to incorporate more technology, e-book options and software programs, the school said.

Also, a new technology center and audiovisual studio have been completed at St. Norbert Hall. The construction was funded in part by a gift from the recently graduated Class of 2011. The center will provide space to troubleshoot the new computers, and produce video projects and

announcements. It also will include a student lounge area. Photos of the construction progress are available on the school website.

Students may not notice, but there is a new roof over their heads at **St. Elizabeth High School** in Wilmington. The entrance has been renovated, with a new ceramic tile floor. Also, the media center has a new AV presentation section with a projection screen.

Padua Academy students will have access this year to new communication arts courses, including multimedia journalism and television broadcasting and production. The fourth-floor foods lab has been converted into a journalism workshop, and there is a new television studio on the lower level. Students at the Wilmington school will create an online newspaper and a weekly TV show.

There were many physical changes over the summer at **Ursuline Academy** in Wilmington, beginning with new parking lots and sidewalks, re-pointing and new stucco on the buildings, and the installation of a camera monitoring system. A new stage and curtains were installed in the auditorium, and the floors and walls were refinished.

Students at all levels at Ursuline will have new schedules this year. This will accommodate community time and a morning meeting in the lower school. Also, each month, a different class in the lower school will initiate and execute a service project. In the middle school, the schedule will allow teachers to teach collaboratively by visiting each other's classrooms. Students in the upper school will have rotating classes, clubs during lunchtime, longer classes and a morning break.

— Compiled by Mike Lang



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All Saints: Crusaders' traditions begin now

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Three of Pala's four children attend All Saints: Ryan in eighth grade, Marc in fifth and Rachael in third. They previously attended Corpus Christi.

Nadine Dempsey, a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, called the STEM approach very positive.

"I think for a Catholic school to focus on something like that, and to keep it faith-based as well, can only help Catholic education," said Dempsey, who has two children at All Saints: Samantha in second grade and Zachary in kindergarten. Samantha attended Corpus Christi last year while Zachary attended the pre-school program at St. Mary.

Antoinette Fontana, whose daughter Madelyn is in the third grade, described the school's opening as emotional. "We've always been at St. Matthew's," which Madelyn attended last year, said Fontana, "but this is a new journey."

Tom Riccio stood near the school entrance with a digital camera, hoping to photograph each of his four children — first-grader Juliana, fourth-grader Mark, sixth-grader Joey and eighth-grader Nick — as they officially entered All Saints for classes.

"We're excited," Riccio said, "and we're looking to help out in any way we can to make it successful for many years to come." He was part of the Parent Transitional Advisory Group.

"A lot of the same traditions we had at St. Matthew's are being carried on, which is encouraging," Riccio said. He noted that some of those traditions were common among all three merged schools.

While "there's going to be bumps in the road" as the new school makes its way toward its own traditions, Riccio is confident any obstacles can be overcome "if we all keep our cool" and remember "it's all about the kids."

The STEM approach at All Saints will unfold through a slightly longer school day that will allow several extra class periods during the week for additional emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.



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All Saints Catholic School principal Diana Thompson (center) cuts the ribbon on opening day of the new school with Father Timothy Nolan, pastor of Corpus Christi (left) and Father John Hynes, pastor of St. Catherine of Siena. Father Charles Dillingham, pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption, also participated in the ceremony on Tuesday.

"The extra period will not be the next chapter in the book," Thompson said, but a hands-on experience that may be a month-long project or a one-class program.

Third-grade teacher Carol Monaghan, who taught at St. Matthew's last year, said the extra STEM class periods, combined with Lab Learner science sessions that are hands-on learning experiences, will relate students' education to their everyday life. Through the specialized instruction, teachers will "point out that science is part of what we do every day, that math is part of what we do every day, and that engineering is just how things work. And every student wants to figure out how things work."

"Once you designate that as part of your curriculum, it just opens up a little more in-depth study of some things that might not have come up before," Monaghan said.

One concern Thompson has with the STEM emphasis is that some may think "we're forgetting about all the core subjects and

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religion, which is most important in any Catholic school. We still have music, we still have art; the fine arts are here as well."

Over the summer most of the faculty and staff, along with volunteers, worked to transform the buildings that had housed Corpus Christi School into the new All Saints School. That included preparation of classrooms, determination of basic school functions

such as student drop-off and pick-up procedures, development of curriculum plans and renovations as necessary.

All Saints' computer room now has 28 new PCs instead of Apple computers used last year by Corpus Christi. The older equipment and computers from St. Matthew's and St. Catherine's will go into classrooms, each of which will have at least two computers with Internet access.

All Saints will provide a hot lunch program operated by Laura Burbage and Nancy Furlong, who operated a similar program at St. Matthew's, Thompson said.



The student body recites the Pledge of Allegiance before entering All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere for its first day of classes.

School colors will be navy blue and silver, and the mascot is the Crusaders.

Two events in August helped the three previous communities come together as "the All Saints Catholic School family," Thompson said. A family picnic drew about 300 people, and a retreat was held for eighth-graders.

A comment Thompson overheard at the end of the retreat left her encouraged for the start of the school year. "It was all worthwhile," she said, "when one of the eighth-graders said, 'I made a lot of new friends today.'"

Now, with All Saints Catholic School officially open, Thompson believes even more new friendships will blossom.

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Our Lady of Fatima School welcomes pupils from St. Paul's

By Joseph Ryan
 Dialog Editor

When Our Lady of Fatima School in New Castle started classes Aug. 24, it welcomed 48 new students who attended St. Paul's School in Wilmington last year.

The students were invited to Fatima after St. Paul's was closed in June, following years of declining enrollment and the loss of annual funding from the Catholic Diocese Foundation; \$47 million of the foundation's assets were included in the diocese's \$77.4 million settlement with survivors of sexual abuse by priests.

"We are very much looking forward to the diversity that St. Paul's family will bring to Our Lady of Fatima," said Kathleen Kenney, principal of the New Castle school. St. Paul's primarily served children from Wilmington's Latino community.

"We've always been a diverse community and we will be continuing that richness of diversity," Kenney said. "I think it's going to be a marvelous year of working with the children."

Kenney said the school is providing bus transportation for 16 of the students from St. Paul's. "We made the commitment right off; we were going to offer the bus," she said. Although officials had hoped at least 20 students would take the bus from St. Paul's, "We got 16," Kenney said. It's important that St. Paul parents, who are sharing in the cost of the bus, know there is a way for their children to get to Fatima, the principal added. Donors have also been generous supporting the transportation, she said.

Our Lady of Fatima encourages parents of St. Paul Parish students to stop by anytime they want, Kenney said. "We have an open-door policy. We've helped them with uniform issues; that's been

going on all summer."

Fatima's Home and School Association has developed a mentoring program in which current school parents are assigned to three or four families of children from St. Paul's Parish and other new school families to work with throughout the school year.

Last week Our Lady of Fatima teachers spent in-service days learning about Latino culture and ways to work with the new families. Fatima's teachers were also trained in the "Nurtured Heart" approach to discipline, which stresses "positive reinforcement of the child's greatness," Kenney said.



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Former St. Paul student Paul Rodriguez (right) and Emily Gray recite the Pledge of Allegiance during homeroom at Our Lady of Fatima School.

Also, Our Lady of Fatima will also offer Reading Assist, a volunteer non-profit program that was available at St. Paul's School. The program will continue at Fatima for students who need help and support with reading issues.

"We will meet the children's educational needs," Kenney said.

'We've always been a diverse community and we will be continuing that richness of diversity.'

— **Kathleen Kenney, principal, Our Lady of Fatima School**

The principal also credited Our Lady of Fatima's Pastor Father John J. Mink for encouraging a partnership agreement with St. Paul's Parish.

Despite the added students from St. Paul's, Kenney said Our Lady of Fatima's enrollment, 261 pupils, is slightly less than last year's. The faculty of 20 teaches pre-K through eighth-grade, in single classes with the exception of 40 students in two sixth-grade classrooms.

Kenney, principal at Fatima for 26 years, has been at the school for 37 years.

"It's more than just a job; it's my vocation. It's my ministry," Kenney said. A lifelong member of St. John the Beloved Parish in Wilmington, the principal said she's been blessed to be involved at both parishes. "It's allowed my faith to grow. God has been very good to me."

The next issue of The Dialog will be Sept. 15.

It's the most charitable time of the year for Elkton family

Immaculate Conception family has been providing free school supplies to those in need for 10 years

By Mike Lang
Staff reporter

ELKTON, Md. — The summer checklist for some high school students might look something like this: roll out of bed around 11, check Facebook, go to work, hit the pool, catch a movie.

For most, it does not include raising money for backpacks and school supplies for more than 500 children, unless you are part of the Kemp family of Immaculate Conception Parish in Elkton, Md. Beginning with Erica 10 years ago, then Laura Jeanne, Caroline and now Bryson, the drive now provides new school supplies to more than 500 children each year.

"We consider this serving the Lord," said their mother, Mary.

With Bryson, a 16-year-old senior at Tome School in North East, heading off to college next year, this is the last year the Kemps will run the program. Kate Reinhold, who is Mary Kemp's sister, and her two high school-age children are on board for next year, but they will need help.

"We're hoping to find another family to take it over," Bryson said in late July as families stopped by to pick up backpacks.

The School Supply Shelf started when Mary Kemp and her children brought food to the Immaculate Conception outreach in 2001 and, Mary said, Erica thought if people couldn't afford food, there was no way

they could afford school supplies.

"I remember her saying that getting brand new school supplies was the only thing she looked forward to about returning to school," Mary said.

So the next summer, Erica, now 23 and in law school at the University of Notre Dame, solicited funds from Cecil County businesses, and a tradition was born.

That first summer, 35 children received supplies. Backpacks were added later. It's a nondenominational program, although the Immaculate Conception outreach office is the distribution point.

After three years at the helm, Erica passed the torch to Laura Jeanne, and two years later Caroline took over. She was in charge for two years before handing the reins to Bryson, who just finished his third year at the helm.

The Kemps have never advertised the School Supply Shelf; there has been no need. As word spread through Cecil County, the number of families who await its arrival has grown tremendously. This past July 27, the first day supplies were available, the family gave out 103 backpacks, its biggest first day ever, for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

"We always run out of supplies before we run out of people," Mary Kemp said.

Supplies are organized based on lists provided by the Cecil County Public Schools. Until this year, the Kemps had to



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Bryson Kemp (right) and his cousins, Abby, McKenzie and Will Reinhold load book bags with school supplies. Erica Kemp, Bryson's sister, started the School Supply Shelf 10 years ago.

secure lists from each school in the county, but now there's just one. Nearly all the supplies go to public school students, but there have been nonpublic school students

in the past. The backpacks are gender-specific, said Laura Jeanne, 21, a nurse at Christiana Care.

The program has been an eye-opener for the Kemp children, Mary said, exposing them to the poverty that exists in their own community. "I remember one lady saying, 'We live in our car.'"

Bryson said no one is asked to prove they are in need when they show up for supplies. "We're not in their shoes," he said. "We don't know what they're going through." He has learned a lot about people over the past few years, both those who receive the goods and those who donate and make the School Supply Shelf possible.

Caroline, 20, a student at Villanova University on Philadelphia's Main Line, said what struck her from the time she spent running the School Supply Shelf was the generosity of the local business community, as well as that of parishioners at Immaculate Conception and others in Cecil County.

"I remember my first year getting a check from someone I didn't send a letter to," she said.

The program is very important to helping the beneficiaries escape a life in need, Laura Jeanne said. The backpacks are a small part of helping the students succeed. "It's hard to start school when you're already behind."

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Share: Tuition help needed

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2011-12 school year for 307 students, including the Wieands, said Deborah Fols, director of the diocese's development office.

This year's Share in the Spirit collection will be taken on Sept. 24-25. The collection has raised more than \$1.4 million in tuition aid for students since it began in 2005. However, there are more students who need tuition assistance than can be helped by the collection right now. While 307 students are being helped this school year more than 800 families, representing 1,240 students, applied for help, said Fols, whose office oversees the program.

Some diocesan funds used in the past are no longer available as a result of the diocese's bankruptcy settlement, Fols said. "No longer having access to unrestricted funds reduced the amount of money available for tuition assistance. Last year \$700,000 was awarded to 423 students," whereas this year only \$579,000 was available, reducing the awards to 307 students.

To help all the students whose families qualified, Fols said, the diocese would need \$3,689,059.

Still, Share in the Spirit "promotes strong Catholic schools by



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More than 300 Catholic school students are being helped this year by the Share in the Spirit tuition-assistance program. Above, students get right to work in Lori Rombach's second-grade class Tuesday at All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere.

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providing tuition dollars in support of quality academics and the faith formation of our students," according to Catholic Schools' superintendent Cathy Weaver. Share in the Spirit's "impact has been real and important to the sustainability of our schools."

Those who support the collection, Fols said, also have a stake in continuing more than 170 years of Catholic schools' efforts to teach students "to honor the dignity of each human person and encouraging them to grow in the image and likeness of God. They are not only assisting children whose families are yearning for the excellence of a Catholic education, but they are also helping to continue the Catholic school tradition, ensuring that our values remain strong in the next generation."

For Natalie Cooper, that faith-centered environment, combined with her parents' example, led her to seek help so her son, Benedict Jouridine, could continue in the fourth grade at Immaculate Conception in Elkton, Md.

"It's a matter of the values that are instilled in Catholic schools," said Cooper. "It's seamless: What you learn at home, the values you learn at church, they carry over to the Catholic school as well."

But as a single parent trying to keep her child in Catholic school, "it's a challenge." She reminds herself of the sacrifices her parents made to provide their 10 children a Catholic education in Liberia.

Still, when she was notified she would receive assistance this year, "it was kind of a big burden being released."

In Wilmington, Teresa Oliver-Bell agonized over the mounting tuition she would have to pay for two daughters, Diauna in grade six and Darielle in grade five, to attend

the Cathedral of St. Peter School and for a third daughter, Darian, a junior at St. Elizabeth High.

"I was pulling hairs, thinking what am I going to do, how am I going to do it? I think I would have had to work two, three jobs and I didn't know how I was going to do it."

She did not want to compromise her children's education — "that means more to me than anything" — and the younger girls "were very concerned about not being a part of St. Peter's" if the economics could not be worked out.

"When I thought I would have to take the children out, their hearts were pounding," Oliver-Bell said. "My children really love that school; they embrace it."

Her children are again at St. Peter's, thanks to tuition assistance through Share in the Spirit.

Wieand knows first-hand what it is like to be pulled out of a school because of finances. As a child, he attended Holy Spirit School in New Castle until "my parents could not afford it." Looking back, he believes he could have used the structure Catholic schools provide, something he values especially for his son.

Besides, his children are at home at St. Peter's.

"Once you've been going to that school for so long," he said, "it's kind of hard for me not to let my kids go back."

Thanks to the Share in the Spirit collection, he did not have to make that decision this year.

"Money should never be the overriding factor when parents decide whether they can send their children to a Catholic school," Fols said. "Catholic education should be in reach to any parent whose desire is to place their child in a learning environment where Jesus is the center of all that they do."

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Five new principals take the helm at Catholic schools

By Mike Lang
Staff reporter

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wilmington are welcoming five new principals this year.

Sharon Hodges, Good Shepherd: Sharon Hodges moves from third-grade teacher to principal at Good Shepherd School in Perryville, Md., where she has worked since 1992. She also has served as assistant to the principal for the past three years. Hodges, who lives in Aberdeen, Md., said she was attracted to the position because of "my strong desire to see Good Shepherd have the chance to grow."

A native of Havre de Grace, Md., Hodges attended the University of Maryland and graduated from Towson University near Baltimore. She taught first grade at Bakerfield Elementary in Aberdeen before becoming a stay-at-home mother, then returned to teaching at Grace Cooperative Nursery School, also in Aberdeen.

Diana Thompson, All Saints: Thompson is the first principal at All Saints Catholic School in Elsmere, the product of the merger of Corpus Christi, St. Matthew's and St. Catherine of Siena schools. She comes to All Saints from St. Monica School in Berwyn, Pa., where she served as principal for the last 11 years.

Thompson said the science, technology, engineering and math focus of All Saints, "where students will be introduced to activities where they will have many opportunities for hands-on learning, has always been part of

my philosophy of learning."

Other than one year in public school, Thompson has been in Catholic education her entire career. After a year in Philadelphia, she moved to York, Pa., where she taught fourth grade at St. Joseph's School. She also taught kindergarten at St. John Chrysostom in Wallingford, Pa.

She and her husband, Greg, live in Wallingford. They have two sons, Jim and Tony. Thompson grew up in South Philadelphia and attended St. Monica Elementary School, Philadelphia High School for Girls and Penn State University. She earned her masters from St. Joseph's University.

Rob Costante, St. Francis de Sales: Costante returns to his native Maryland as the principal at St. Francis de Sales School in Salisbury, Md., after many years in teaching and administration all over the country. Costante, 42, who lives in Salisbury, most recently was assistant head of school at Webb School in Knoxville, Tenn.

The Baltimore native graduated from Loyola High School (now Loyola Blakefield) and Shippensburg University. He earned a graduate degree at Loyola University in Baltimore. He began his teaching career at the Ridge School in Towson, Md., and also has worked at Loyola Blakefield (twice), Belen Jesuit in Miami, Fla., and Bellarmine College Prep in San Jose, Calif., as well as Webb. In his career he has been a teacher, Christian service director, guidance counselor, director of diversity, dean of students and assistant head of school.

Costante cited a desire to return to Catholic education, to be closer to his extended family and to become a principal as his reasons for accepting the position at St. Francis de Sales. He also noted the commitment he felt from the parents, faculty, staff and pastor at the parish.

Father James Lentini, St. Thomas More Preparatory: Father Lentini moves from the chaplain's office to the principal's chair at St. Thomas More Preparatory in Magnolia in a one-year interim capacity. In a letter posted on the school website, superintendent of schools Cathy Weaver said Father Lentini "is a proven educator and faith leader, and his commitment to St. Thomas More Preparatory School is well known."



Father Lentini

Father Lentini, 49, has been the chaplain and a teacher at St. Thomas More since 2007. He worked at an investment bank in New York City before entering teaching in 1985 in Brooklyn, N.Y. He was there for eight years, then moved to Delaware,

where he was a substitute teacher in the Capitol School District, assistant librarian at Polytech High School and, from 1994-98, librarian and coordinator of religious education and student council at Holy Cross School in Dover.

Ordained in 2003, he has served at St. Ann's in Wilmington before being assigned to the school.

Haydee Cruz-Rosario, Holy Cross: Cruz-Rosario is the principal at Holy Cross in Dover, where she has been assistant principal for the past nine years and on the staff since 1985 with the exception of two years.



Cruz-Rosario

Cruz-Rosario, 51, grew up in the Bronx, N.Y., and attended St. Pius V High School and the College of

Mount St. Vincent. She taught at a Catholic school in the Bronx before moving to Delaware and Holy Cross. After teaching third grade, she left to pursue a career as a legal secretary, but she returned to the Dover school as a kindergarten teacher. She then moved to first grade and also worked as an adjunct professor at Delaware State University and for the Caesar Rodney School District's summer migrant program.

Rosario, who lives in Magnolia, served as the director of religious education at Immaculate Conception Parish in Marydel, Md., in 2001-02, then again went back to Holy Cross as assistant principal. She has a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Delaware State.

She said she was drawn to the principal's position by her love and belief in Catholic education, as well as a desire to "help with the vitality and viability of our Catholic schools."



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BACK TO SCHOOL

School year begins with a renewed sense of mission

Behold, I am doing something new (Isaiah, 43-19).

We stand at the threshold of a new school year. A new year is always a grace given. Grace is God's way of breaking in to the life of each and every one of us, and placing a new opportunity in our hands.

To receive this gift requires two attitudes: one of letting go and one of trust and hope.

We need an attitude of letting go of the old. A new year is an opportunity to see our life with a new vision, without the regrets, the unhappy memories, the unfulfilled goals of the past. God offers the grace of this blessed moment to forget the past: "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:18-19).

There have been many challenges for Catholic schools in the last year. Failures, frustrations and hurts have marked our journey. Schools have closed, programs have consolidated, the landscape of Catholic education is different than a year ago. And

yet, the work of Catholic education transcends these changes.

The education of each student in the light of Christ continues with reverence. Parents, principals, teachers and pastors embrace the mission of bringing up our young people with a Catholic school education of highest quality. We continue with the certainty that "in everything, God works for good with those who love him" (Romans 8:28). Every difficult situation will be transformed by God to be a blessing. This is the grace of this moment: God is making each and everyone one of us new.



Cathy Weaver

Each one of us has the ability to make the most of the opportunities which God places before us.

Students, this is your year to shine in new learning and new leadership. Make the most of it. Give your best, apply yourself, and look for the ways that God invites your learning through service to others. Do not focus on the disappointments of past years, the missed grade, or the less than hoped-for experience. What will you make of this new school year?

Once we make the decision to be unburdened by former things, God promises us

that we are sure to witness something creative and life-giving. There will be a "way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." There will be new blessings, new graces, new opportunities for learning.

In order to convert the new opportunity into the blessing that God intends, we need an attitude of trust and hope. We set our sights on the goodness of God and his plan for us. We do this with confidence because, as St. Paul tells us, "to the saints God has chosen to make known the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him." (Colossians 1:25-28).

With the sure and certain knowledge, that each of us carries Christ within, and that through the Eucharist we have the opportunity to know and experience him, we can be sure that God is bringing us to a place of glory. We may not yet perceive it, yet we can trust that it will be.

What is God doing new with Catholic schools? There is a renewed sense of mission and ministry for those who lead and serve in our schools. Teachers, principals and staff understand more than ever the pre-

vious work they undertake and the gift that parents make when they choose a Catholic school for their children.

Parishes are working together to sponsor Catholic schools, as can be seen at All Saints Catholic, Christ the Teacher, Most Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady of Fatima schools. New programs in art, science and technology abound. Writing and

reading continue to be hallmarks. Summer programs, early childhood programs and extended care opportunities are flourishing in response to family needs. High schools

have diversified their course offerings and are actively preparing students for success at the university level. Teachers are pursuing advanced training.

"Behold, I am doing something new."

The future for our schools is unfolding. In God's time, mystery will yield to miracle. In the meantime, Catholic schools will continue to be a place where the encounter with Jesus Christ is central to the learning, the living and the hope.

Cathy Weaver is superintendent of Schools for the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

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Student News

St. E sophomore at youth forum on medicine

Sabrina Hackendorn, a sophomore at St. Elizabeth High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at Villanova University in July. The 10-day forum was designed to introduce high school students to the medical industry.

During the program, students learned from professionals from some of the country's top medical centers and schools. They heard about career options, clinical practice, and legal and ethical issues in medicine.

Catholic school grads win scholarships

Shannon Brown, a graduate of St. Mark's High School, and Weston Takata, a graduate of Archmere Academy, were among nine New Castle County students named winners of scholarships from Ronald McDonald House Charities. Each of the awards was for \$1,000.

Fifty college scholarships were awarded throughout the Greater Philadelphia region through the RMHC Scholars program. Winners were selected based on academic achievement, community involvement and financial need.

St. Paul's seeks alumni's emails

WILMINGTON — The St. Paul's School Alumni Committee is seeking the email addresses of graduates in an attempt to compile a mailing list. Information should be sent to janbe23@verizon.net or toy-boy12@verizon.net, or called in to 654-0271. A reunion is tentatively planned for next April.

St. Paul's School closed in June after more than 125 years of service.

Ursuline grad in USA Volleyball final

Rachel Wiechecki, who recently graduated from Ursuline Academy, became the first player from Delaware to compete in the USA Volleyball 18s open division junior national championship match. Her team, the Synergy Volleyball Club 18 Orange, which is

based in King of Prussia, Pa., entered as the top seed but fell, 2-1, to a team from California.

The 5-10 Wiechecki was a member of two state championships and a runner-up at Ursuline. She was a first-team all-state selection last season at outside hitter. She now plays for Radford University in Virginia.

Send information for this column to Student News, The Dialog, P.O. Box 2208, Wilmington, DE 19899; fax (302) 573-6948; or email news@thedialog.org. Sorry, but due to space limitations we cannot publish honor-roll or dean's-list students.



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Catholic schools: Getting more than a glance at Jesus

Preparing my two boys for the new school year inevitably brings back memories of how things were when I was growing up. I'll leave to others the exaggerations of walking to school "10 miles uphill both ways" or the frightful demeanor of a particular nun.

The overall feeling that I had while attending St. John the Evangelist School in Midtown Manhattan was one of love and security. I knew that my parents cared enough to send me and my two brothers to Catholic school (which cost very little in the 1960s), and the teachers seemed to extend that sense of caring.

In the back of each classroom, there was a large picture of a brother and sister walking to school with a guardian angel watching over them, and that's just how I felt going to Catholic school.

My wife Maria and I are fortunate to have found a school where we live in Connecticut that reminds us of the ones we attended. We value a strong Catholic identity, commitment to sacramental life, first Friday Mass and regular confession times. Yet there are some things that are different today.

When we were growing up, nuns filled most of the classrooms, with long habits sweeping the floor and full veils that made us wonder if they had any hair, save the one or two strands that sneaked out.

My children's school might be unusual since it has two nuns, one who is the principal and the other a teacher, but I still wish there was a convent with a vibrant religious community for the parish.

Before, during and after school, you knew the sisters were there all day for you. Some of the kids in my class would joke about how the sisters weren't married, but I always thought of their vow of chastity as a sign of commitment to the school and to us.

I'll never forget Sister Elaine, my youthful first-grade teacher,

grabbing the basketball at half-time, dribbling down the court — her black habit flying and rosary beads jangling — and making a perfect backboard layup as the crowd leaped from the wobbly bleachers.

Then there was Sister Helen in third grade, who asked students to get their parents to send in "plaid stamps" from the local supermarket so she could redeem them for coffeemakers or blenders for the convent.

There was also red-haired Father Sullivan, the youngest of three priests on staff. I was scared stiff one afternoon when I saw him at the mailboxes of my apartment building.

Trying to recall if I had done anything so bad that a priest would be looking for me, I walked slowly toward him.

He was looking for the buzzer for the disabled lady on the ground floor whom we all knew as Little Mary.

I showed him the button to press, and Little Mary came to the door, limping with her braces, and invited us both in.

I sat quietly, watching Father Sullivan as he sipped tea, engaged in small talk and laughter, and then placed a stole over his neck, took the pyx from his pocket and gave Communion to Little Mary.

It was one of the holiest moments I have ever known.

Suddenly I saw that Jesus was with us even in the simplest settings of an ordinary day.

These are the moments that I hope my two boys will experience. These are the reasons why, despite the significant financial sacrifices today, we send them to Catholic school only, where they may have more than a passing glance at Jesus passing in their midst.

Caulfield lives in Wallingford, Conn. He is the married father of two boys and serves as editor of FathersforGood.org, an online initiative for men and their families by the Knights of Columbus.

Catholic News Service

Brian Caulfield

My parents cared enough to send me and my brothers to Catholic school and the teachers extended that sense of caring.

Salesianum School adding a \$6 million fitness center

Developer's gift for new building is one of the largest the Oblate school has ever received

By Mike Lang
Staff reporter

New Castle developer Anthony N. Fusco, whose family has long been associated with Salesianum School and with philanthropy in the Wilmington area, has committed \$2 million toward the school's latest capital campaign which will be used to help build a new strength and conditioning center.

The gift is among the largest Salesianum has ever received, and the largest of this campaign, said Oblate of St. Francis de Sales Father James E. Dalton, who was the president of the school when the pledge was made in the spring. It's part of the \$8 million "Taking Hold: The Campaign for Salesianum," which gets its name the school's motto, "Tenui Nec Dimittam," Latin for "I have taken hold, and I will not let go."

Of the total, approximately \$6 million will be used for the fitness center and an overhaul of the locker rooms in the basement underneath the gymnasium. The balance will go toward financial assistance for students.

The school has raised approximately 90 percent of the total and plans to start work on the addition next March. Construction is expected to be complete by the



Salesianum

A computer rendering of the fitness center to be built at Salesianum School.

fall of 2012.

The two-story facility will extend 22 feet from the back of the school and include weight-training and cardiovascular equipment and a larger training room. The current wrestling room will be incorporated into the fitness center, and a new wrestling room will be installed in the basement.

Fusco, 81, is the founder of Fusco Enterprises LLP, a developer primarily of shopping centers.

"I'm able to help in my own way," he said this past May at his New Castle office. "I feel that

I've been lucky."

Fusco was born in Castel Morrone, Italy, about 35 kilometers (20 miles) north of Naples. His parents had been back and forth to the United States before he was born, and they emigrated permanently when Anthony was an infant. In Castel Morrone, there is a statue of S. Maria Della Misericordia that is venerated by the community. A replica of that statue will be in the fitness center.

The Fusco family settled in Little Italy and were parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Over the years, Fusco has given

scholarship money to Salesianum, Padua Academy and Ursuline Academy, and he donated materials and labor to help build Padua.

The scholarships at Salesianum are much appreciated, said Father Dalton, whose tenure ended June 30. "The Fusco Foundation has been giving us scholarships for eight years now. Most recently, we've been assigning the scholarship to kids who graduate from Nativity Prep and who go to Salesianum."

Fusco started the foundation after the death of his wife, Catherine. The donation for the fitness center, however, is from him, not the foundation.

Fusco's son-in-law, Frank Vassallo III, graduated from Salesianum in 1971, and three grand-

sons have graduated since 1997. In addition, Fusco wanted to remember John J. Cicchetti, a 1955 alumnus who worked as a project manager for Fusco Enterprises for 38 years. He died in January.

Plans for the addition were announced last October at a dinner for current and former Salesianum football players. One of the speakers was Dan Mulvena, a 1966 graduate and business executive, who talked to the alumni about

giving back.

Mulvena has pledged \$500,000, as has 1958 alumnus Kenneth Mazik. Mulvena said the center will include a presentation about Salesianum football.

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Anthony Fusco has been a scholarship benefactor to Salesianum, Padua Academy and Ursuline Academy.

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Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia

A Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia teaches a class in the former St. Joseph on the Brandywine School in about 1954.

Sisters of St. Francis asking former students in the diocese for help

Dialog report

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, based in Aston, Pa., have been seeking financial support for the needs and long-term care of the order's members.

Now, the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation is within \$800,000 of its goal to raise \$4 million for care of the sisters and the foundation is asking former students of the sisters in the diocese for help.

Throughout the 140-year history of the order in the diocese, "our sisters have educated over 200,000 young people and cared for countless others," said Sister Mary Vandergeest, executive director of the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation. "Inspired by the

Franciscan values of relationship, stewardship, and collaboration, we continue to serve God's people wherever we are most needed and whenever we are called. Today, we need your help as we prepare to meet the challenges of today and plan for tomorrow."

The sisters are also inviting their former students at parish grade schools and Padua Academy and those who have met the sisters at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington or in other ministries to share their memories of a favorite sister on the order's Facebook site.

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Ten years after

In anticipation of the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, this photo from the Knights of Columbus offers a prayerful remembrance of the day. The Knights' photo comes with Pope Benedict's prayer from his April 2008 visit to the site of Ground Zero in New York City:

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

"God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those who were spared may live so the rest of the lives lost ... may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all."

Idle worship

Celebrating Labor Day when unemployment rate is 9.2 percent

Remember when Labor Day marked the beginning of a quadrennial presidential campaign and Election Day was only eight weeks away?

On this Labor Day, the campaign has been under way for months with more than a year left to endure. It is, in today's marketing language, super-sized in the same way as cheeseburgers, soda drinks and potato chips.

Remember when Labor Day involved idle worship: a day to celebrate working by not working?

Now, it is almost embarrassing to think of such celebrating when the national unemployment rate is 9.2 percent, meaning that 14 million people who are able and willing to work are unable to find a job.

The fact that Labor Day 2011 begins the week that will end at the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States might provide some spark of hope that the extended campaign could yield a better process; provide a full and deeper look at candidates, a serious study of the national problems.

On Sept. 11, there will be talk of courage — of the first responders who lost their lives, far different from the "political courage" that is now required of a politician at risk for losing his job by doing the right thing for the nation.

It is important that there be a proper understanding of the common good. It is not the product of compromise, a sort of "the best that we can do."

There are three essential elements of the common good as expressed by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. These are: respect for the human person, social well-being and development of the group and, thirdly, peace.

The common good is not utilitarian in nature; it is not the greatest good for the greatest number since that can allow for the exclusion of individuals or segments of society.

It recognizes that governments and political institutions are necessary and have a responsibility for achieving the "common" good. The state does have a role in promoting the common good by enabling society to function as a community of citizens.

We have seen a failure in this summer's debt-ceiling debacle by those who do not see that a government is a necessity. Those responsible are graded "needs improvement" as a record 84 percent of Americans disapprove of the job being done by Congress, according to a nationwide Gallup poll taken in mid-August. It was followed by one showing President Barack Obama with a 39 percent job approval rating.

Consumerism and ecological devastation are obstacles. The economic market is not capable of and is insufficient in achieving the common good.

This Labor Day does not see the common good, considering that so many people are suffering economic hardships through no fault of their own. Instead, their misfortune is from the increasingly apparent failure of a system to provide for the common good.

According to Catholic social teaching, work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

According to Catholic social teaching, work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, the basic rights of workers must be respected. That includes the right to productive work, to fair and decent wages, to private property and to economic initiative.

There is nothing contrary to the American dream in this teaching that will be evoked in so many Labor Day speeches this year.

Kent, now retired, was editor of archdiocesan newspapers in Omaha and Seattle. He can be contacted at: Considersk@gmail.com



Stephen Kent

According to Catholic social teaching, work is more than a means of earning a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation.

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Quotable

"Friendship with Jesus will also lead you to bear witness to the faith wherever you are, even when it meets with rejection or indifference. We cannot encounter Christ and not want to make him known to others. So do not keep Christ to yourselves! Share with others the joy of your faith."

— **Pope Benedict XVI**, from his Aug. 21 homily at the closing World Youth Day Mass in Madrid, Spain.

LETTER

Hat's off to bishop and benefactor

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Leon J. Gratkowski
Middletown

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A flawed theory of relativity

Acts once presumed sinful now regarded as personal preferences

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Matthew 18:15-20)

In his homily to begin the conclave of cardinals that would elect him pope, then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said that the world was laboring under a "dictatorship of relativism." By that he meant moral relativism specifically, the notion that moral truth is subjective, that is, totally dependent on one's intention and external circumstances.

Moral relativism denies that any action is always wrong; moral choices are mere expressions of one's feelings about certain behavior. Thus, actions that in previous generations were condemned as sinful are in our time considered a matter of personal preference, above all in the area of sexual morality.

Modernity's embrace of moral relativism is not only a rejection of Catholic morality, but of the morality of all previous eras. For instance, the hearers of the Apostles knew and accepted an objective moral law called the natural law. And they knew that they failed to keep it, at least perfectly. As a result, the ancients knew they needed a savior and the Apostles' message was experienced as "Good News." But under the influence of moral relativism, modern people are told that there is no objective standard with which to make moral choices. In this setting, our Lord's message that we must repent sounds strange to some people. They ask: repent from what? Recent popes have said that the modern world has lost its sense of what sin is. Without a sense that we are sinners, why do we need a redeemer?

Therefore, the church finds itself needing to preach the "bad news" that we are sinners in need of forgiveness before she can preach the Good News that Christ offers us forgiveness.

Today's readings presuppose an objective moral order and man's need for reconciliation with God and neighbor for failing to act in accordance with that order.

In the first reading, Ezekiel is appointed watchman for God's holy people and instructed to warn the people when they stray from the path of holiness. Should he fail to warn them of their misdeeds, the guilt of their sins will fall upon him. St. Augustine taught that this duty to warn the faithful is now placed upon all the bishops and priests of the church. The preacher who fulfills this duty is likely to meet a cool reception in some quarters because of the relativism in our culture. Nonetheless, as the Holy Father taught in his 2009 encyclical, "Caritas in Veritate" ("Charity in Truth"), the proclamation of the truth is an essential way of charity.

Our Lord's words in today's Gospel are similarly in conflict with the spirit of our times. One must believe in objective right and wrong in order to have the grounds to confront another with the injustice of his behavior; otherwise, it degenerates into a contest of wills. Moral relativism puts an end to moral dialogue since moral judgments are only expressions of one's feelings.

Our Lord instructs us to do more than dialogue with others, we are to confront a brother or sister with his misbehavior if he falls into sin. This can only be done in a way pleasing to God if it is motivated by charity. Notice that if our brother offends us, we are to tell him about it, not everyone but him. Even if someone truly wrongs us, we must be mindful of not sinning through detraction, which is the revealing of our neighbor's defects to others without a just cause.

As St. Paul in the second reading says: love does no evil to the neighbor. Paul means even when the neighbor has first done evil to us. All that we do is to be done for the sake of charity; when the church is forced by the sinner's recalcitrance to "treat him as you would a gentile or tax collector," this is done for a charitable purpose. The hope is that once made aware of his injustice he will repent and be healed.

Father John S. Grimm is administrator of Holy Spirit Parish in New Castle.

SUNDAY READING



FATHER JOHN S. GRIMM

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ACROSS

1. Eve's place
6. Start of an angel?
10. Sibilate
14. They brought spices to anoint the body of Jesus
15. Catholic horror actor Lugosi
16. On the ocean
17. Leaves out
18. Actor James ____
19. Den
20. Pot
22. Locate exactly
24. Hearing organs
26. Possible Easter month (abbr.)
27. "Gloria in excelsis ____"
28. Weaken
32. OT prophetic bk.
34. ".....your ____ and your staff-they comfort me." (Ps 23:4)
35. Musical study piece
37. Clerical representative
41. ____ alone
43. Beginning
45. Sub ____: secretly, as the appointment of a cardinal
46. Ahead of the rest
48. Letter cross-line
50. One less than 200 in ancient Rome
51. Popular Catholic TV sitcom

actor Newhart

53. Contest at law
55. Printer's measures
58. Catholic Governor Brown of California
60. Continental money
61. Bishops head these
64. Advent or Lent
68. Capri, for example
69. Green vegetable
71. ____ and Omega
72. Former ruler
73. Coll. course
74. Cheerful
75. Fabled loser
76. ".....the Lord is with ____"
77. "Ditto"

DOWN

1. Star Wars character
2. "____ Holy Spirit, fill the hearts....."
3. Skip
4. Epistle
5. Put in bondage
6. Phone button letters
7. ".....you ____ whatever you sow" (Gal 6:7)
8. Insurance case
9. She gave birth to the prophet who anointed Saul

10. Angel's hat?

11. "Let me repeat....."
12. Fishing net
13. Pope St. Pius X's surname
21. Muse of lyric poetry
23. OT wisdom bk.
25. Astounds
28. "Tantum ____"
29. Angelus time
30. Prepare for publication
31. Ford flop
33. OT wisdom bk.
36. Strange and mysterious
38. Catholic comedienne of "Your Show of Shows"
39. "____ was in the beginning, is now....."
40. "I have finished the ____" (2 Tm 4:7)
42. OT hist. book
44. Along with Timothy, he was a disciple of Paul
47. The Roman Pontiff
49. Rifle
52. Moses floated the Nile in one of these
54. Soccer position
55. Sainly convert executed in Auschwitz
56. Ite, ____ est
57. Kind of power
59. "Lord, ____ us to pray" (Lk 11:1)

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62. Cover with wax
63. ____ gin fizz
65. Petty quarrel

66. "Mercy!"
67. Western pact
70. Wind direction

Answers to this week's puzzle: page 21

Services

Sept. 2, 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m.: **Communion of reparation all-night vigil, St. Hedwig Church**, 408 S. Harrison St., Wilmington. Irene, 738-1285.

Sept. 10, 9 a.m.: **Mass of Remembrance for all buried in the cemetery at St. Peter the Apostle Church**, Fifth and Harmony streets, New Castle. Following Mass, a "Little Angels" monument listing the names of all babies buried in the cemetery will be dedicated.

Sept. 10, noon: **Mass for the Legion of Mary**, Wilmington Curia, Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle. Celebrant: Father John Grimm. If you are able to attend, contact Peg at 994-2154 or pegdoca@yahoo.com by Sept. 1.

Sept. 11, 2 p.m.: **Memorial service for 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Holy Rosary Church**, 3200 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont. First responders, politicians, members of armed services, veterans welcome to attend.

Sept. 11, 2 p.m.: **Holy hour for peace, followed by a Mass of remembrance for 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, St. Luke's Church**, Coastal Highway and 100th Street, Ocean City, Md.

Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m.: **Vespers on the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Holy Angels Church**, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. Stephen, sadams@holyangels.net.

Oct. 23, 12:15 p.m.: **Wedding anniversary Mass** celebrated by Bishop Malooly, **St. John the Beloved Church**, 907 Milltown Road, Wilmington. Reception to follow. Free, but reservations required by Oct. 14. For all couples celebrating 25, 50 or more years of marriage. Linda, 295-0657 or ljackson@cdow.org.

Fundraisers

Sept. 10, 7-11 p.m.: **"The Road to the Tour - A Par Tee for Michael Tobiason Jr."** **St. Elizabeth Parish hall**, Cedar Street, Wilmington. This is a benefit for Tobiason, a 2002 graduate of St. Elizabeth High School who is a pro golfer in need of sponsorships. \$35. 21 and over. Joanne, 437-5553; Michele, 824-6470.

Sept. 17, 9 a.m.: **Nun Run/Walk, 5K** benefiting the Little Sisters of the Poor, who operate the **Jeanne Jugan Residence**, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark. \$18 if registered by Sept. 15. Race-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Ray, 633-1482 or www.NunRun5K.org.

Programs

Saturday, 1 p.m.: **Natural family planning classes**, sponsored by the diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life, St. John the Apostle Church, 506 Seabury Ave., Milford. Series of three classes. 295-0657.

Sept. 8, 7 p.m.: **Screening of the documentary "Catholicism," Holy**

Datebook

Check out ...



The fall **40 Days for Life** will be held Sept. 28-Nov. 6 **outside Planned Parenthood**, 625 Shipley St., Wilmington. A kickoff for this public prayer vigil for the end to abortion will be held Sept. 24 from 9:30 a.m.-noon at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington. The guest will be Linda Sidowski of A Door of Hope. She will speak about "God's Plan for Sexuality." Julie, (610) 361-1878; Rae, (302) 731-7692.

Family Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark. Freewill donations will be collected to benefit Father Robert Barron's Word on Fire ministry. To register, email rgarland@holyfamilynewark.org or call 368-8976.

Sept. 10, 1 p.m.: **Natural family planning classes**, sponsored by the diocesan Office for Marriage and Family Life, **St. Margaret of Scotland Church**, Frazer Road, Glasgow. Series of three classes. 295-0657.

Sept. 18, 3 p.m.: **"Gravy Wars: South Philly Foods, Feuds and Attitudes,"** a humorous look at Italian-American culture in South Philadelphia, **Padua Academy**, Roberto Hall, 10th and Broom streets, Wilmington. Presented by author Lorraine Ranalli. Sponsored by the Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture. Free.

Sept. 19, 6:30-8 p.m.: **Classes on Christian citizenship**, presented by Father Tom Flowers, **St. Polycarp Church library**, Ransom Lane, Smyrna. Father Flowers will relate principles of the Founding Fathers to "The Catechism of the Catholic Church." Participants should read the

first three sections of "We Still Hold These Truths." Free, but registration is required. 653-8279 or st-poly-carp@verizon.net.

Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.: **Personal retreat day, Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**, 2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington. \$25, includes lunch. Edie, 995-6859 or edie2501@comcast.net.

Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m.-noon: **Book study on "Waking Up the Day"** by Paula D'Arcy, **Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**, 2501 Milltown Road, Wilmington. Thursdays through Dec. 8. \$65, includes book. \$50 without book. Edie, 995-6859 or edie2501@comcast.net.

Golf outings

Sept. 9, 1 p.m.: **St. Jude's golf tournament, Sussex Pines Country Club**, 22426 Sussex Pines Road, Georgetown. \$100, includes dinner. Benefits parish building fund. For reservations, Merle, 645-1975.

Sept. 12, 10:15 a.m.: **Golf outing to benefit Jesus House Prayer and**

Renewal Center, Patriots Glen Golf Club, Elkton, Md. \$110, includes lunch, dinner and prizes. Registration from 10:15-11:30 a.m. Tom, (302) 737-1934; Joe, (610) 755-1529.

Sept. 12: **Golf tournament** to benefit the ministries of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, **Radley Run Country Club**, West Chester, Pa. \$325 per person, \$1,200 for a four-some. www.osfphila.org or (610) 558-5352.

Festivals/Carnivals

Sept. 12-17: **St. Hedwig Polish-American Festival, on the riverfront**, Wilmington. Monday-Thursday 5:30-10 p.m., Friday Saturday 5:30-11 p.m.

Sept. 15-17: **Riverside carnival, St. Francis de Sales Parish**, Salisbury, Md. Dunking booth, games, food, live music, outdoor bingo, 50/50. Advance ride tickets available. Thursday and Friday, 6-10 p.m.; Saturday, 3-11 p.m. (410) 742-6443.

Sales

Sept. 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.: **Yard sale benefiting Emmanuel Dining Room**, 11th and Bancroft Parkway, Wilmington. To donate call 658-5441.

Sept. 17, 8 a.m.-noon: **Children's resale**, sponsored by First State Mothers of Multiples, **Kirk Middle School**, 140 Brennen Drive, Newark. New and gently used clothing, shoes, coats, holiday outfits, toys, more. Cash only. Free admission. www.fsmom.org.

Meals

Sept. 10, 6-9 p.m.: **Spaghetti dinner** benefiting 40 Days for Life,

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Immaculate Heart of Mary School, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington. \$15 for adults, \$8 for children 12 and under. Includes a screening of "Unplanned." Julie, (610) 361-1878; Rae, (302) 731-7692.

Sept. 20, 5-7 p.m.: **Crab and crab-cake dinner, Knights of Columbus council hall**, 9901 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Md. \$20, includes crabs or crabcakes, corn on the cob, more. Reserve by Sept. 13. (410) 250-7994.

Oct. 1, 3-7 p.m.: **Ham and oyster dinner, Holy Angels Parish hall**, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children under 12. \$20 for all takeout orders. Call 731-2431 or email apress@holyangels.net.

Bingo

Friday, 7 p.m.: **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish hall**, 345 Bear-Christiana Road, Bear. \$20 for 20-game packet. Additional packets available. Must be 18 or older. 322-6430.

Trips

Sept. 24: **Pilgrimage to Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** in Asbury, N.J., sponsored by St. Peter the Apostle Church. \$25. Kathy, 322-6277.

Oct. 22, 8 p.m.: **New York on your own**, bus leaves Wilmington, at 8 a.m. \$45, includes breakfast, snacks and drinks, driver gratuity. Maryann, 981-1702; Denise, 733-1702.

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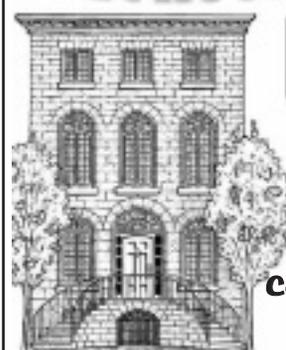


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Don't Be Afraid of the Dark

(A-III, R)
This staid and stale remake of the 1973 made-for-TV horror movie indulges in little bloodletting, but offers no genuine chills, at least after the initial appearance of the evil gob-

lins who live in the basement of a spooky old house in Providence, R.I., — and pursue the young daughter (Bailee Madison) of its new owner (Guy Pearce).

Intense action scenes with a bit of gore, cohabitation, fleeting profane and crude language.

Fright Night (O, R)

A teen (Anton Yelchin) suspects his new neighbor (Colin Farrell) is a vampire responsible for the sudden disappearance of his boyhood best friend. So he seeks the aid of an occult-obsessed illusionist as he tries to protect his mom (Toni Collette) and girlfriend from the toothy predator.

Excessive graphic violence, a benign view of teen sexual activity, brief rear nudity, profanity and pervasive rough and crude language.

One Day (A-III, PG-13)

Turgid screen version of best-selling romance novel. Ill-assorted Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess — she a prim children's writer, he a whiny, boorish TV host — are shown in a series of 20 annual episodes as they progress from awkward friends to something more. Viewers' interest is likely to be depleted by the wordy dialogue of the script well before the five-hanky ending.

A shadowy glimpse of female frontal nudity, brief rear nudity, implied cohabitation, a single instance of rough language.

Our Idiot Brother (O, R)

Occasionally effective, but sexually errant, satire about a naive produce farmer (Paul Rudd) who emerges from a stint in prison only to find that his live-in girlfriend (Kathryn Hahn) has taken up with someone new. He seeks shelter with his mother (Shirley Knight) before



CNS/Dimension

Rowan Blanchard stars in "Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D."

lodging, in succession, with each of his tightly wound sisters. But his habit of guileless truth-telling complicates the lives of all three.

Strong sexual content, including graphic aberrant sexual activity, adultery, partial frontal, upper female and rear nudity, implicit acceptance of homosexual behavior, a narcotics theme, profanity and much crude language.

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World in 4D (A-II, PG)

Third sequel to 2001's "Spy Kids" offers the novelty of "Aroma-Scope," giving viewers the chance, via a scratch-and-sniff card, to "smell" the action as they watch (in 3-D) our young heroes and their parents fight to save the world.

Light comic-book action, mildly rude humor.

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Marian pilgrimage Oct. 22 to diocese's shrine in New Castle

Dialog report

The biennial diocesan Marian Pilgrimage will be held this year on Oct. 22 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Peace at Holy Spirit Church, 12 Winder Road, New Castle.

Traditionally, the diocesan pilgrimage travels to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., but the diocese was unable to commit to a date at the shrine this year because of the bankruptcy process, said Msgr. Joseph Rebmán, the vicar general and director of the pilgrimage. When the bankruptcy was settled, it was too late to reserve a date in Washington.

The pilgrimage begins at 1 p.m. with a Holy Hour, a homily and Benediction, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the sacrament of reconciliation.



The Dialog/Don Blake

Our Lady of Peace

Bishop Malooly will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m., followed by a 5 p.m. candlelight procession to the Our Lady of Peace statue with recitation of the rosary.

Pilgrims are responsible for their own transportation. Car-pooling is encouraged.

Jesuits sell the St. Cuthbert Gospel, Europe's oldest book, for \$14.7 million

By Simon Caldwell
Catholic News Service

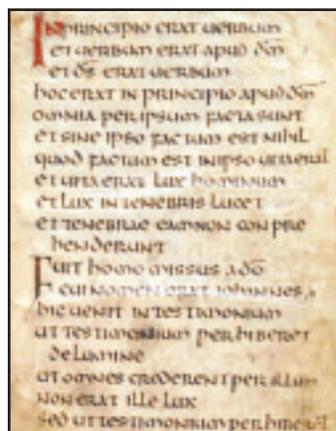
LONDON — The Jesuits have sold the historic St. Cuthbert Gospel — believed the oldest intact book produced in Europe — to the British Library for \$14.7 million.

The British Province of the Society of Jesus agreed to sell the late 7th-century Anglo-Saxon manuscript to raise funds to restore a historic church and pay for educational work in London and Glasgow, Scotland.

The book, a pocket-size Latin translation of the Gospel of St. John, was found inside the coffin of St. Cuthbert, bishop of Lindisfarne, when the saint's grave was opened in 1104.

Experts believe the manuscript was placed inside the casket within 10 years of the hermit's death in 687.

Jesuit Father Kevin Fox, spokesman for the British Province of the Society of Jesus, announced the sale of the Gospel in a statement in July.



CNS/British Library

A page from the 7th-century St. Cuthbert Gospel.

"It has been our privilege to possess this book for nearly 250 years," he said. "Now, in order to

answer more of the many demands on our resources, the province trustees have decided to sell."

He said that the British Library would ensure that the manuscript was available for people from around the world to view either directly or online.

The Gospel was produced by monks of Wearmouth-Jarrow in northeast England.

Funds from the sale will be used to help fund Jesuit schools in London and Glasgow, pay for a new school to be founded in Africa and pay for the restoration of the 19th century Church of St. Peter, Stonyhurst, the parish that serves Stonyhurst College in Lancashire, England.

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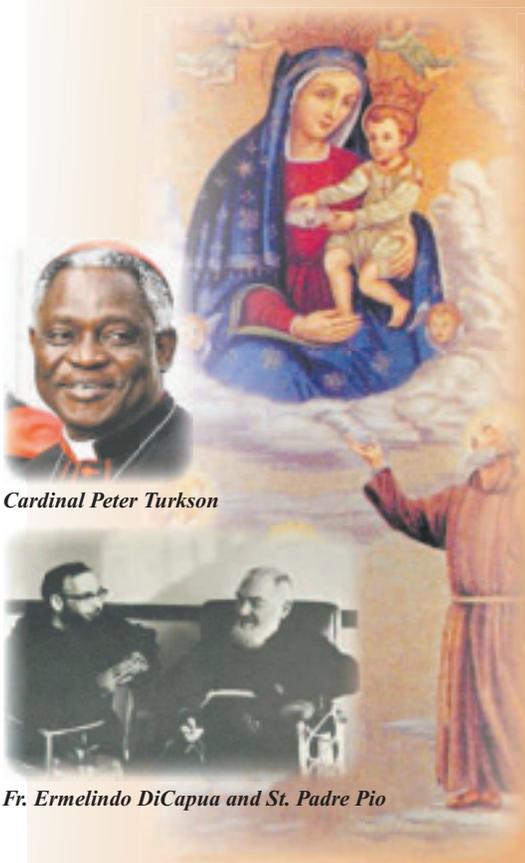
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Irene

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lower Sunday Mass attendance. The hurricane's size and earlier intensity prompted evacuation of coastal areas in Maryland and Delaware in advance of Irene's arrival on Saturday. Since year-round residents and summer visi-

tors had to leave, parishes along the Atlantic Ocean canceled Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. They included St. Luke-St. Andrew and St. Mary Star of the Sea-Holy Savior, both in Ocean City, Md.; Holy Name in Pocomoke City, Md.; St. Ann in Bethany Beach; and St. Jude in Lewes.

Parishes farther from the coast also canceled weekend Masses.

Bishop Malooly, on the diocese's website, informed the faithful that while their obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is a grave responsibility, the church did not expect them to unduly risk their lives — such as traveling in a hurricane — to get to church.

Father Ray Forester, pastor of St. Edmond in Rehoboth Beach, rode out the storm in the rectory about two blocks from the beach.

He said one tree about a foot in diameter was uprooted and there were branches on the lawn, but that was about it.

"Nobody was hurt, and nothing got hurt," he said.

Down the coast at St. Ann's in Bethany Beach, Father David Kelley reported no problems. As the dean of the Ocean Deanery, he checked in with all of the parishes and said the biggest concerns

were downed tree branches and a few minor water leaks.

At St. Luke's in Ocean City, "a few shingles came off of our rectory roof, which is due to be replaced anyway," said Father Richard Smith, pastor. He evacuated last Friday, taking the Blessed Sacrament with him to the rectory at St. John Neumann Parish in Berlin, Md., about 10 miles from St. Luke's and from the Atlantic Ocean.

Holy Savior Church in Ocean City had "a few wet spots" but nothing that pastor Father Stanislao Esposito termed damage.

About 30 miles east, in Salisbury, Md., St. Francis de Sales also canceled weekend Masses since a ban on automobile travel was in place, said Father Chris LaBarge, associate pastor. The church and several other buildings on the parish campus lost power, and the church basement had a little bit of water, he said.

Foreign students working in Ocean City, who are assisted by an ecumenical ministry to international students begun at Holy Savior, have returned to the city, Father Esposito said.

Most Catholic schools were closed Monday, a decision made last Friday.

"We were concerned about how serious the storm would be, and what the conditions of the schools would be" on Monday, Cathy Weaver, school superintendent, said.

"In hindsight that was a good decision. I think we were pretty fortunate with the small amount of damage most places seemed to experience."

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